

CHAPTER 70 - EQUIPMENT

70 - GENERAL

Each unit should maintain equipment, tools and supplies at a level to manage normal unit operations for initial attack and basic incident support, including sufficient stocks to outfit available forces on the unit, provide for regular and expected fire replacement, and provide support of normal levels of fire activity.

71 - TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

For going incidents or emergency restocking needs, a Resource Order will be placed with NDC (see Appendix XVI for instructions on filling out resource orders). NDC will relay supply and equipment orders to the best available supply source. The supply source used will be at the discretion of the NDC Coordinator, Manager, or Lead Dispatcher, and may include the following sources:

1. North Dakota Interagency Fire Cache, Upham, North Dakota
2. Billings Zone Interagency Fire Cache, Billings, Montana
3. Northern Rockies Area Interagency Fire Cache, Missoula, Montana
4. Great Basin Area Interagency Fire Cache (National Cache), Boise, Idaho

Equipment, tools and supplies should be returned to their original location as soon as possible after the incident is controlled. Requesting units are responsible for returns and proper documentation.

72 - ENGINES AND MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT

The NDC maintains a listing of fire engines and other mechanized fire suppression equipment for all units in the Zone. These lists are updated yearly. NDC also maintains lists of equipment available for within Zone dispatch and additional equipment available for dispatch outside the Zone during the fire season. These lists are updated on a weekly basis and/or any time listed equipment is dispatched off unit.

73 - RADIOS

The North Dakota Interagency Fire Cache (NDFC) maintains a small cache of 16 radios that are available primarily for within zone use. These radios can also be dispatched individually with crews or engine modules detailed outside zone boundaries, in order to meet request needs. These items are not available for dispatch outside of the zone as a radio kit.

Requests for radio equipment within the Zone and beyond the abilities of the NDFC to handle will be passed along to the primary support caches listed in Chapter 71.

See Chapter 23 for additional information on Equipment and Supplies.

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